

#0903

PTO/SB/08A Substitute for Form PTO-1449		Application Number		N/A Sept. 15, 2003	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Filing Date		Here with 9/15/03	
		First Named Inventor		Kenneth F. Hoffman	
		Art Unit		N/A 2829	
		Examiner Name		N/A E. KARLSEN	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket	79307

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ²			
E.K.		US-4,532,423	07/30/85	Tojo, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,618,767	10/21/86	Smith, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,706,019	11/1987	Richardson	
E.K.		US-4,747,698	05/31/88	Wickramasinge, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,772,846	09/20/88	Reeds	
E.K.		US-4,807,159	02/21/89	Komatsu, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,837,445	06/06/89	Nishioka, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,866,271	09/12/89	Ono, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,871,938	10/03/89	Elings, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,880,975	11/14/89	Nishioka, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,881,029	11/14/89	Kawamura	
E.K.		US-4,894,537	01/16/90	Blackford, et al.	
E.K.		US-4,992,660	02/12/91	Kobayashi	
E.K.		US-4,999,494	03/12/91	Elings	
E.K.		US-5,107,114	04/21/92	Nishioka, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,109,724	05/05/92	Delarue, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,117,110	05/26/92	Yasutake	
E.K.		US-5,136,162	08/04/92	Miyamoto, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,325,010	06/28/94	Besocke, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,349,735	09/27/94	Kawase, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,444,244	08/22/95	Kirk, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,493,236	02/1996	Ishii, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,519,212	05/21/96	Elings, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,530,372	06/1996	Lee, et al.	
E.K.		US-5,557,156	09/17/96	Elings	
E.K.		US-5,672,816	09/30/97	Park, et al.	

Examiner Signature	Ernest E. Karsen	Date Considered	June 24, 2004
-----------------------	------------------	--------------------	---------------

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08B Substitute for Form PTO-1449		Application Number	NTA Sept. 15, 2003		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Filing Date	Herewith 9/15/03		
		First Named Inventor	Kenneth F. Hoffman		
		Art Unit	NTA 2829		
		Examiner Name	NTA E. KARLSEN		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket	79307

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵				
E.K.		EP 0 027 517 B1	02/15/84			
E.K.		EP 0 037 568 B1	02/01/84			
E.K.		EP 0 069 750 B1	04/22/87			
E.K.		EP 0 095 370 A2	11/30/83			
E.K.		EP 0 095 370 B1	11/02/88			
E.K.		EP 0 110 301 B1	11/08/89			
E.K.		EP 0 138 250 A2	04/24/85			
E.K.		EP 0 206 016 B1	09/12/90			
E.K.		EP 0 218 829 B1	11/06/91			
E.K.		EP 0 223 918 A2	06/03/87			
E.K.		EP 0 231 247 B1	10/10/90			
E.K.		EP 0 260 734 B1	01/30/91			
E.K.		EP 0 335 398 A1	10/04/89			
E.K.		EP 0 335 398 B1	07/21/93			
E.K.		EP 0 349 911 A2	01/10/90			
E.K.		EP 0 386 840 A1	09/12/90			
E.K.		EP 0 423 877 A1	04/24/91			
E.K.		EP 0 442 630 A2	08/21/91			
E.K.		EP 0 480 424 A2	04/15/92			
E.K.		EP 0 504 972 A1	09/23/92			
E.K.		EP 0 538 861 A1	04/28/93			
E.K.		EP 0 546 305 A1	06/16/93			
E.K.		EP 0 548 573 A2	06/30/93			
E.K.		EP 0 584 869 A1	03/02/94			
E.K.		EP 0 594 084 A1	04/27/94			

Examiner Signature	<i>Ernest P. Karlsen</i>	Date Considered	Aug. 24, 2004
-----------------------	--------------------------	--------------------	---------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.